

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

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Carter Lake Water Supply Agreement

The Natural Resource Commission is requested to approve an agreement with the City of Carter Lake, Pottawattamie County, to develop a well on City of Omaha property that will connect to an existing infrastructure of pipes that lead to Carter Lake. The resulting well water will be used to maintain Carter Lake at a full pool range not to exceed 970.3 Feet MSL (+/- .5ft.). The funds for this project were provided by the Iowa Legislature during the last two legislative sessions. Up to \$1,000,000 is available for this project. The legislation in Senate File 2432 states: "for the construction and installation of an angled well, pumps, and piping to connect the existing infrastructure from the new well to connect the existing infrastructure from the new well to a lake located in a county with a population between 87,500 and 88,000. Moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph are contingent upon receipt of matching funds from a state taxing authority surrounding such lake." The state of Nebraska's Department of Environmental Quality tested the well water and it meets their water quality standards. The city of Omaha and state of Nebraska have met their match requirements for the project. This auxiliary water supply source will also be a component of a joint lake restoration project that underway by the states of Iowa and Nebraska and the cities of Omaha and Carter Lake.

The City of Carter Lake will supervise the project, obtain the required permits and provide the Department with billing and documentation not to exceed \$400,000.00 for Iowa's portion of this project.

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